



## Omiss Livanna B. Lipscomb

June 2, 1922 - December 12, 2013

Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord the maker of heaven and earth.”

Psalm 146:5-6

On June 2, 1922, Omiss Livanna Lipscomb, was born to the late Edna and Berry Bradby in Charles City, Virginia. A sister, wife, mother, grandmother, friend and great-grandmother, Omiss left her body to be present with the Lord on December 12, 2013 at the age of 91. Livanna was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Lipscomb Sr.; sister, Edna Hartman; brother, Vernon Bradby and grandson, Kenneth A. Merritt, Jr.

Omiss graduated from Ruthville High School in Charles City, Virginia in 1940. On May 20, 1944, Omiss married the love of her life, Raymond Lipscomb Sr. That joyous and devoted union lasted 43 years and produced eight children. A while later they established a home in the Washington Park Community of Richmond. On Lincoln Avenue Omiss became a stern but loving mother who ingrained in her children her personal philosophy of “never let anyone steal their joy.” Although raising eight children was an all consuming task, the Lipscomb home was the neighborhood Kool-Aid house, where neighborhood kids gathered, ate, played and established life-long relationships. With all this going on, Mrs. Lipscomb still indulged her hobbies of dancing and donning her handmade traditional Chickahominy dress for the tribal Pow Wows.

While growing up in Charles City, Omiss was a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church. But, while in Washington Park she was under the watchcare of St. John Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and was involved with the Flower Ministry.

Omiss was a master at arts and craft, specializing in drawing. Also, she loved gardening and preparing for the holidays, especially Christmas. She would customarily dress her tree 12 days prior to Christmas. Christmas and seasonal decorating was her way of thanking God for her blessings of family, home, and community.

Omiss Livanna Lipscomb leaves to cherish her loving memory, four daughters, Esther L.

Brooks (Michael Sr.), Livanna C. Merritt (Kenneth Sr.), Ethel L. Thornton and Gaynelle M. Lipscomb; four sons, Raymond Jr. (Shirley), Vernon W., Maynard B. Sr. (Gail) and David B. Lipscomb. Her grandchildren are SFC Fransanda Parker (Ron), Maynard Lipscomb Jr. (Keisha), Tacella Thornton, Kennard Merritt Sr. (Charlette), James R. Lipscomb, Kendrick Merritt, Kennethia Merritt, Kendall Merritt, Daniel Stuart and Shelby Bradby (Rick). There is a host of great-grandchildren. In addition, Omiss is survived by two sisters, Grace B. Hemmings and Susan Bradby and two devoted friends, Florine Gaines and James Hill along with numerous relatives and friends.

Omiss is our true spirit and joy! We already miss her.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## viewing

DEC 20. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

DEC 20. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

DEC 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Omiss Livanna B. Lipscomb*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Helen Underwood and Family would the to express our deepest sympathy to the Lipscomb Family and their Children. You had a beautiful mom and I can remember her in the front yard sitting in her lawn chair during the summer's when we lived in Washington Park across the street from you guys. She will always be remembered as a beautiful woman whom you could talk to freely.*



*Your Mom will be missed by many..be BLESSED AND SHE WILL REST IN PEACE.*

*HELEN UNDERWOOD AND FAMILY*

Helen Underwood and family - December 17, 2013 at 06:53 PM



“ *Helen Underwood & Family lit a candle in memory of Omiss Livanna B. Lipscomb*



Helen Underwood & Family - December 17, 2013 at 06:45 PM



“ *Praying your grief will soon be replaced with cherished memories of the good times. Love to all. Cousins Lorraine, Shelly, Tony, crystal & Jasmin*

shelly - December 17, 2013 at 06:28 PM

GH

“ May memories of our dear Sister Omiss Livanna Bradby Lipscomb and the love of family surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. Your loss is our loss.

*With our heartfelt love and deepest sympathy,*

*Sister Grace Minter Bradby Hemmings*

*Niece Gwendolyn R. Hemmings*

*Great Niece Jennifer R. Hemmings*

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**Gwendolyn Hemmings** - December 17, 2013 at 05:24 PM

LA

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the passing of "Miss Lipscomb". I had the pleasure of meeting her back on the old Washington Park days; when Piney Road only had one lane each way; Jiggettes had a pool table in the store and made the best hamburgers; Market End was still standing but closed. That gives you a sense of how long it has been. Even though we knew she was Carol, Ollie, Esther, little sister and the Lipscomb boys' mother, we looked at her as our friend. She was someone you could talk to about anything; she gave you good advice in a kind loving way and you were always welcome at her house. These memories I hold very dear and I pray for Gods blessings to each of you at this difficult time. Loretta (Goodwin) Adkins



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**Loretta Adkins** - December 17, 2013 at 09:08 AM

DA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am sure you have many fine memories of your loved one that will bring you a measure of comfort during these trying times. Our loving heavenly Father is the "God of all comfort" and he can and will help you through this difficult time because "he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

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**D Allen** - December 17, 2013 at 06:45 AM

LI

“ Our family would like to express our condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing." Our prayers are with your family.

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**linn** - December 16, 2013 at 11:18 AM

RP

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Omiss Lipscomb's passing away. Mother Lipscomb will always be with her family and friends, her spirit and goodness will be ever so a part of our lives. She was a special lady and will be greatly missed. Please accept my deepest sympathy. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Regina Payne** - December 16, 2013 at 10:04 AM

BD

“ I wish to extend my sincere condolences to the family of M's Lipscomb... Our Heavenly Father never purposed death for mankind. He hates death and calls it an enemy. Very soon, He will stop it once and for all. (1 Corinthians 15:26; Isaiah 28:5) Mankind will live in peace, happiness and perfect health (Psalms 37:9-11; Revelations 21:3, 4 and Isaiah 33:24) May you draw much comfort in the Creator's wonderful promises, and know that soon we will welcome our loved ones back, wrapping our arms around them once again. I hope that knowing this will take away some of your deep sorrow. For more encouraging scriptures, go to [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org).

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**bdavis** - December 14, 2013 at 07:50 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 13, 2013 at 05:33 PM